



# THE POND DAKOTA QUARTERLY



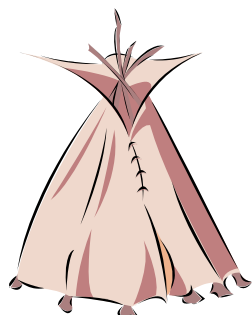
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## **Pond Dakota Winter History Festival**

**Sunday January 27, Noon – 4 pm**

**Pond Dakota Mission Park, 401 E. 104th St, Bloomington**

If you enjoyed River Rendezvous in September, don't miss this chance to experience beautiful Pond Dakota Mission Park in the winter season!

Watch a demonstration of wooden Lacrosse stick-making by Twin Cities Native Lacrosse Director John Hunter, and listen to traditional Dakota stories in a tipi, told by Sisokaduta (Joe Bendickson). You'll be amazed by Scott Crosbie's Magic Show (Noon – 2 pm only). Bring your sled or toboggan for a thrilling slide down the hill behind the house, and play Snow Snakes and other frontier games outdoors. Warm up by the bonfire, or the fireplace indoors, with cookies and cocoa. Free admission and parking.

Limited parking is available in the Pond Dakota Mission Park parking lot. *Please do not park along the driveway.* Additional free parking is available at Holy Emmanuel Lutheran Church or in the Kelly Playfield lot.

*Organized and sponsored by Bloomington Parks and Recreation.  
For more information, call 952-563-8693.*



## Events at Pond Dakota Mission Park

The Pond House is open year round on Sundays from 1:30 – 4 p.m. Admission to programs and tours is free for Pond Dakota Heritage Society members and youth through high school. Suggested donation of \$2 for non-member adults.

### JANUARY

#### Frontier Rope Making

**Sunday, January 6 Drop-In Program, 2–4 pm**

Use a simple rope-making machine to fabricate a section of rope to take home, then finish off the ends with a whip knot. Learn all about rope – a very important tool on the frontier – and how Minnesota pioneers made it themselves from plants growing in their area. House tour at 1:30 pm.

#### Open House and Agnes's Sewing Circle

**Sunday, January 13, 1:30–4 pm**

Join Agnes Hopkins Pond (portrayed by a re-enactor) for a tour of the historic Pond House, then enjoy cookies and conversation in the parlor. If you have knitting, crocheting, darning, or other small needle projects, bring them along! All ages are welcome.

#### Open House Sunday, January 20, 1:30–4 pm

Who risked their lives to pay their respects to Rev. Gideon Pond after his death on January 20, 1878? Discover the answer while touring the Pond House today and hear a eulogy for Gideon written by his long-time friend and colleague, Dr. Thomas Williamson.

#### Winter History Fete Sunday, January 27 Drop In Program, Noon–4 pm

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### FEBRUARY

#### Open House Sunday, February 3, 1:30–4 pm

Guests who tour the house today will learn about the nearly 300 Dakota men who, on February 1, 1863, asked to be baptized by Gideon Pond and Dr. Thomas Williamson while awaiting their fate in the Mankato prison.

#### Open House Sunday, February 10, 1:30–4 pm

Included in house tours will be the story of a Dakota boy's frustration while training his horse, which may have saved the lives of Samuel and Gideon Pond during their first winter in 1834 at Bde Maka Ska (Lake Calhoun).

#### Minnesota and the Civil War in the West

**Sunday, February 17, 2 pm**

Minnesota Congressman Dean Urdahl, author of nine books, will discuss the War in the West. The First Minnesota at Gettysburg receives much deserved acclaim, but most of Minnesota's contributions to America's greatest conflict took place in the West. Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Missouri all had pivotal battles involving soldiers from Minnesota. House tours at 1:30 and 3:30 pm. Sponsored by the Pond Dakota Heritage Society. For more information visit [www.ponddakota.org](http://www.ponddakota.org).

#### Open House Sunday, February 24, 1:30–4 pm

Tours of the historic Pond House will highlight Samuel Pond's 145 mile journey on foot in February 1836 from Bde Maka Ska (Lake Calhoun) to Lac Qui Parle, Minnesota, with a guide who wanted to kill him!

**MARCH****Open House Sunday, March 3, 1:30–4 pm**

In March of 1834, despite opposition from friends and family, Samuel Pond traveled to St. Louis, then on to Galena, IL to scout out opportunities for him and his brother, Gideon, to minister to American Indians. Trace his journey on a map while you tour the Pond House.

**Maple Sugaring Drop-In Program 2–4 pm  
Sunday March 10**

Native Americans produced maple sugar for centuries and passed on their knowledge to frontier settlers. Now you can experience maple sugaring for yourself! Outdoors, learn about choosing trees to tap, collecting the sap, and boiling it down to make syrup. Inside the house, watch syrup transform into sugar and sample maple candy. House tours 1:30 to 4:00 pm.

**A Financial Look at the Dakota War of 1862  
Sunday, March 17, 2 pm**

Author Dan Munson will look at how the U.S. / Dakota War of 1862 differed from the earlier clashes between the Native peoples and the European settlers. In addition to industrial development, artillery power, different treaties, and the Homestead Act, another precipitating factor was the precarious state of the U.S. government finances. House tours at 1:30 and 3:30 pm. Sponsored by the Pond Dakota Heritage Society. For more information visit [www.ponddakota.org](http://www.ponddakota.org).

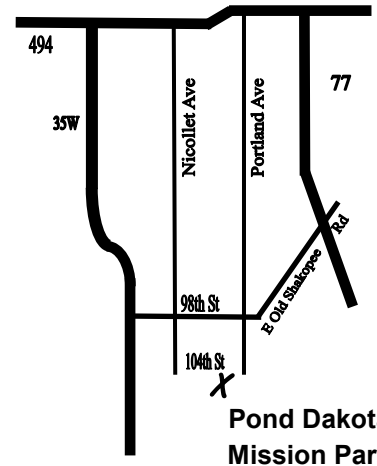
**Open House March 24, 1:30 – 4 pm**

What vow did Chief Cloud Man make while lost in a blizzard, opening the door for the Pond brothers to teach him Euro-American farming methods? Find the answer while touring the Pond House today.

**Open House and Agnes's Sewing Circle  
Sunday, March 31, 1:30–4 pm**

Join Agnes Hopkins Pond (portrayed by a re-enactor) for a tour of the historic Pond House, then enjoy cookies and conversation in the parlor. If you have knitting, crocheting, darning, or other small needle projects, bring them along! All ages are welcome.

**Pond Dakota Mission Park**  
**401 East 104th Street**  
**Bloomington, MN 55420**



Interpretive signs describing the history of the Dakota in the Minnesota River Valley, and Gideon and Samuel Pond, missionaries who arrived in 1834, are located along the walking trails in the park. The 1856 Gideon and Agnes Pond House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The park is open daily until 10 pm.

For more information about Pond Dakota Mission Park or private tours of the Gideon and Agnes Pond House, contact Mark Morrison, City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, 952-563-8693, or [mmorrison@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:mmorrison@BloomingtonMN.gov). More about the Pond House at [www.BloomingtonMN.gov](http://www.BloomingtonMN.gov). Follow us on facebook at [www.facebook.com/GideonAgnesPondHouse](http://www.facebook.com/GideonAgnesPondHouse)



**The Pond Dakota Heritage Society** hosts speakers at the Pond House. The Society's mission is to preserve the rich history of the Dakota and their relationship with early Minnesota settlers and Christian Missionaries, and to explore contrasting cultural and religious viewpoints. Annual Membership: Individual \$20, Household \$30, Sustaining \$100-\$499, Benefactor \$500 or more. Renew or join today! Go to [www.ponddakota.org](http://www.ponddakota.org). or learn more at [facebook.com/PondDakota](http://facebook.com/PondDakota). Email [ponddakota@gmail.com](mailto:ponddakota@gmail.com) or send mail to PDHS, P.O. Box 20511, Bloomington, MN 55420.

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Boiling maple sap

## Maple Sugaring Sunday March 10, 2 - 4 pm



Making paper makuks